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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE CONTAINING SKIN-
PROTECTIVE INGREDIENT

Examiner: C. L. Anderson

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 4, 2008, finally rejecting claims 8, 11, 16 and 17, please consider the following. Also submitted concurrently herewith are a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, an Amendment Transmittal Letter, and Exhibit A in support of arguments made herein.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

It is believed that all required fees are properly submitted herewith; however, should fees beyond those submitted herewith be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or refund any excess, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.